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# WHITE OAK NEWS

## White Oak Science Gateway



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*The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan seeks to leverage the many assets located in the White Oak area and establish the foundation upon which the area may evolve into a community that offers more opportunities to learn, live, work and play. The Plan also envisions that the commercial centers will evolve from conventional, auto-dependent suburban shopping retail centers, business parks and light industrial areas into vibrant, mixed-use, transit-served nodes.*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- The Friends of White Oak Board will meet on Tuesday, May 1st at 7pm in the White Oak Recreation Center on the 2nd floor.
- The East County Citizens Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7pm in the East County Regional Services Center.
- White Oak Day is Saturday, June 2nd from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the White Oak Recreation Center.

Check the White Oak Website for agendas, details, meeting minutes, plans and updates at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/wosg/index.html>.

## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- Hilton Home2 Suites Hotel: On target for a 2018 grand opening toward the end of the year. The environmental standards are high with a self-imposed goal of earning LEED NC Platinum (<https://new.usgbc.org/leed>). The Elton Road hotel will have 100 state of the art rooms for long and short term guests with ample conference room space.
- Hillandale Gateway: This mixed used community at New Hampshire Avenue and the Beltway is in the final stages of design. The plan will likely be submitted for review by the Planning Board Staff in summer 2018. The proposal calls for retail and residential units with a portion of the residential being affordable housing for seniors.
- Town Center: With a grocery store for its anchor tenant, this new development will be a mix of multi-family units, restaurants, and retail located along Route 29 on the north side of Industrial Parkway. The plan should be submitted for review this summer.
- Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center: Progress on the new hospital (cont. p.2)

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- continues along Plum Orchard Drive. The main building is 50 percent complete, with interior mechanical and electrical work, as well as exterior masonry and window installation underway. The parking garage and the Central Utility Plant are also being constructed. The medical office structure will begin in May 2018.
- **FDA Headquarters Master Plan:** The proposed master plan would provide General Services Administration and FDA with a framework to expand the FDA campus, taking into account all the relevant physical, cultural, environmental, transportation, and regulatory considerations. As part of the master planning process, development alternatives that would meet the future needs of FDA are being studied with options presented to the public during the April 4th meeting.
- **Viva White Oak:** The largest planned community in White Oak, A meeting was held on March 1st; and the Preliminary Site Plan was submitted shortly thereafter for Planning Staff review. The Planning Board will take up the plan in late spring or early summer 2018.

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**LEFT: Adventist Hospital**

**BELOW: Town Center Concept**



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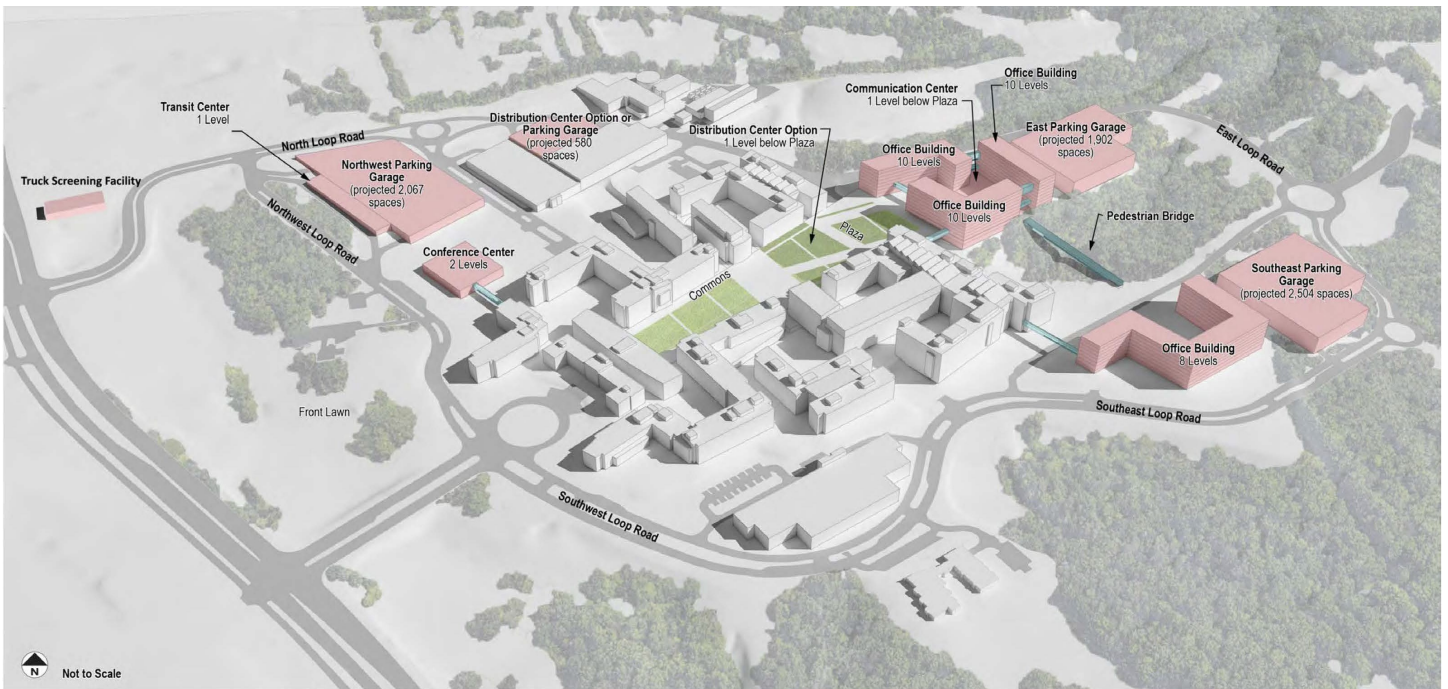
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ABOVE: One of the options for the FDA Master Plan

## HILLANDALE LOCAL PARK RENOVATIONS

The Hillandale Community continues to fight for the renovations of the park on New Hampshire Avenue. Originally presented at a price tag of \$9M, the community is behind the proposed \$6M plan similar to BELOW. A letter from the community to the Council may be view at [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/Letter%20from%20HCA HillandaleLocalPark%20to%20Council.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/Letter%20from%20HCA%20HillandaleLocalPark%20to%20Council.pdf)



## THE FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK

The Friends of White Oak was established to create a community based entity to focus on the implementation of the 3,000 acre White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan, as approved by the Montgomery County Council, and supported by the community. They are residents, businesses, and property owners who represent a broad diversity of backgrounds and interests; and advocate for responsible development in White Oak.

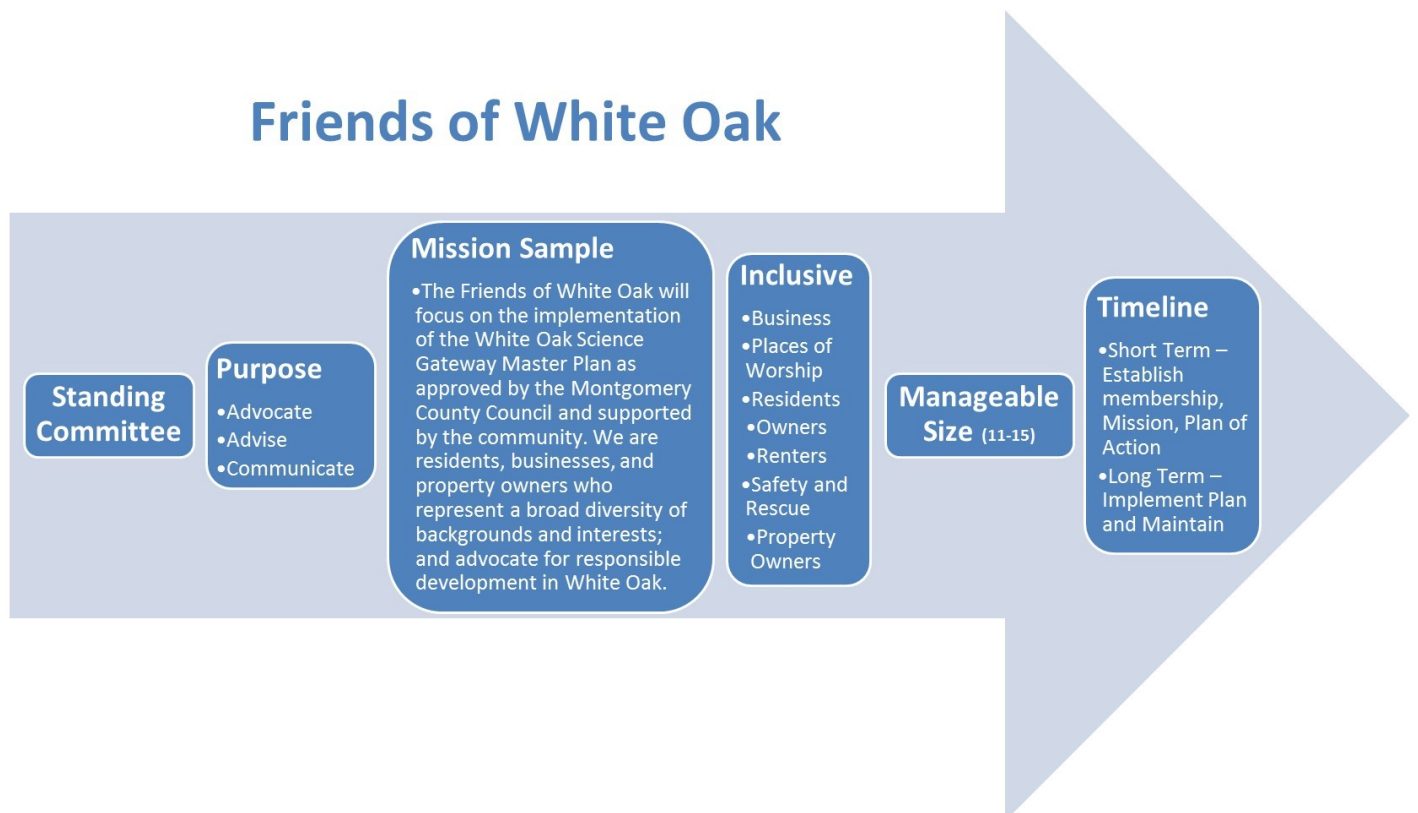
Meetings are usually held monthly in the White Oak Recreation Center at 7pm. Agendas are posted on the White Oak Website as well as the White Oak Facebook Page. Topics range from development updates, community events or marketing. All meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome during the “from the public” section of the agenda.

The latest focus of the FOWO has been curb appeal and making the community more presentable. Goals include tackling sign pollution, trash, overgrown landscape and regular maintenance. Guests on curb appeal last month were the Department of Transportation and the Department of Permitting Services. The next meeting will be on May 1st and guests will be the State Highway Administration, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Environmental Protection. Future matters include review and comments on the new marketing plan for White Oak as well as support for the Viva White Oak and Hillandale Gateway projects as their site plans move through the approval process.

### FOWO Members:

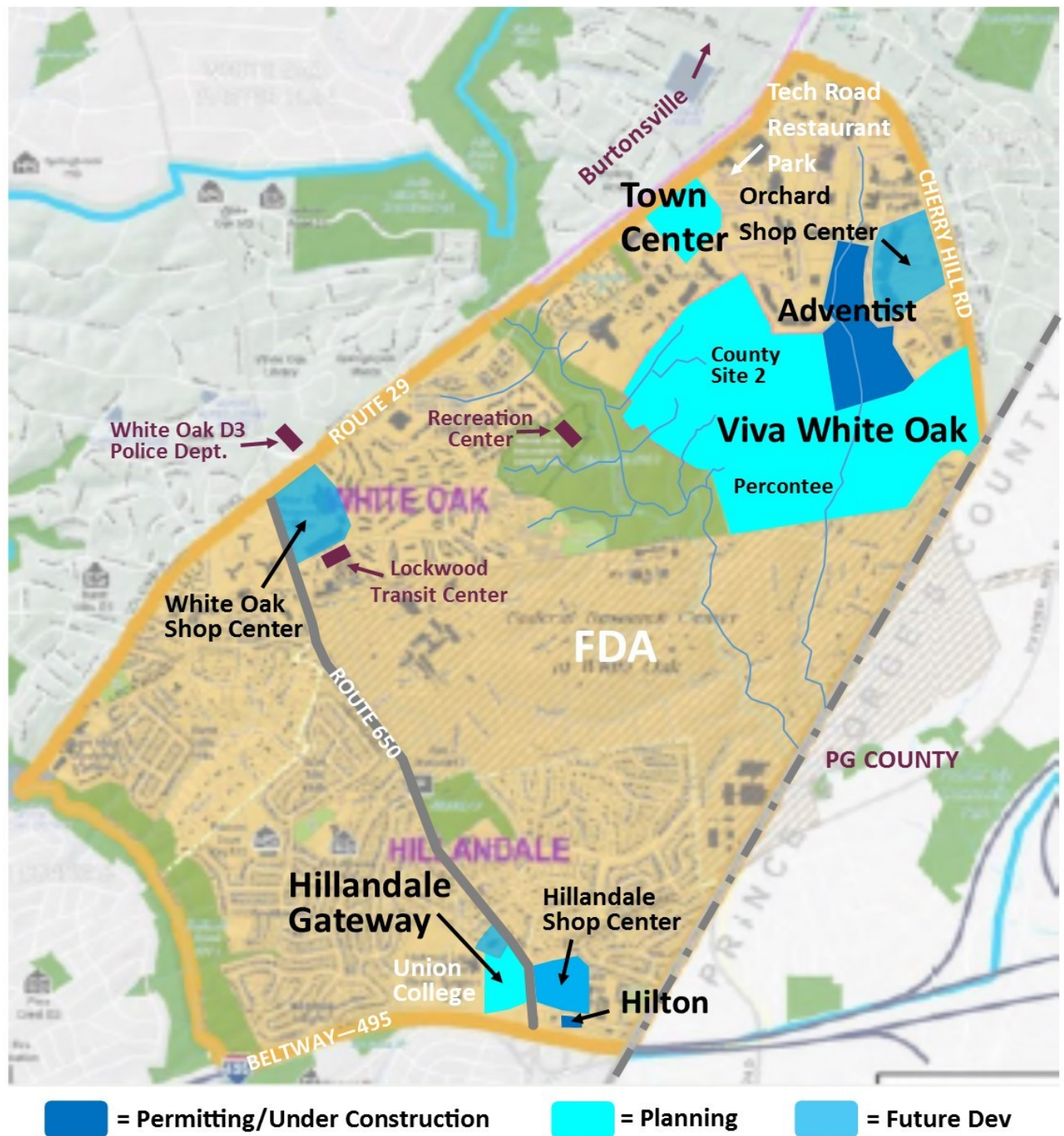
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# WHITE OAK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



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